

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, June 29, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kelli Lockwood, RN, MSN, Immediate Past Vice President  
Amy Hooper, LPN, Vice President  
Linda Floyd, RN  
Merry Fort, RN

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director  
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline  
Kirsten Daughdril, Assistant Attorney General

Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Hooper moved, Floyd seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, June 29, 2017, Lockwood declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

### **INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES**

(**LPNI** = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (**RNI**=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Hooper moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

**LPNI170223** – If attempts to renew, refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI170951** – Close the case.

**RNI140206** – Send a letter of modification with a new sobriety date of February 8, 2017. Allow 14 days to respond with a letter of explanation. If no response, refer back to the Board for review.

**LPNI170041**– Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include a fine of \$500 for Failure to Disclose and a fine of \$500 for continuing education violation.

**LPNI170219** – Refer to Investigations.

**RNI1701048** – Send the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI171049** – License with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

**RNI160979** – Table until investigative file from Arkansas Board of Nursing has been received.

**RNI170265** – Table until investigative file from Alabama Board of Nursing has been received.

**RNI170695** – Close the case.

**LPNI170423** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses and Difficult or Challenging? Dealing with Patients.

**RNI170132** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for private consent order to include a fine of \$100 for Unauthorized Practice, and a course for Risk Advisor for Advanced Practice Nurses: How to Protect Your License.

**RNI170020** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Narcotic Drugs: Handling and Documentation, and Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention.

**LPNI170079** – Send a mitigating letter requesting courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses, Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care, Disciplinary Actions: What Every Nurse Should Know.

**LPNI140107** – Reinstate with a private consent agreement to include a fine of \$200 for Unlicensed Practice.

**RNI160266** – Authorize as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

**RNI171051** – Send the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI160901** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an inpatient evaluation to include a hair follicle drug test.

**RNI170187** – Close new complaint. Remain on current consent agreement.

**RNI150414** – Reject mental physical examination. Must have compliant mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator within 30 days. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

**RNI160950** – Staff to send a letter of modification with new sobriety date of June 5, 2017.

**RNI151039** – Close the case.

**RNI140262** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office to amend order to public to include five (5) years probation, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), substance abuse stipulations and a course in Substance Abuse. Must provide a documentation of enrollment in aftercare and intensive outpatient program treatment records upon discharge.

**RNI160011** – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be completed within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Must include a statement pertaining to safe to practice.

**RNI130535** – Approve the request to lift narcotic restrictions.

**RNI171079** – Authorize as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

**RNI171094** – Send the applicant a letter requesting an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant. Lockwood abstained.

**LPNI150525** – Deny the request. Lockwood abstained.

Fort seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 5:06 p.m.

  
James D. Cleghorn, *Executive Director*